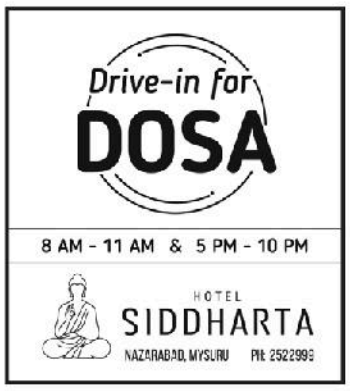

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City bus service begins on Outer Ring Road

14 buses, four routes to connect Ring Road areas with Central Business District and healthcare facilities

A KSRTC city bus deployed on Outer Ring Road travels near Alanahalli Junction this morning.

Mysuru, Aug. 16 (RK&BCT)- In response to public demand and to enhance passenger convenience, the Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC) has introduced regular bus services from the City Bus Stand (CBS) to the Outer Ring Road (ORR).

The buses, operated by KSRTC's Urban Division, were officially flagged off yesterday during the 78th Independence Day celebrations.

For years, there were no direct bus services connecting the various junctions along the ORR, forcing people to rely on autos, cabs and private vehicles. Now, with the introduction of these new routes, residents and commuters in areas beyond the Ring Road will benefit from improved connectivity and more affordable bus fares compared to other modes of transport.

(See CITY BUS on page 6)

Echo of Kolkata doctor rape-murder case

IMA calls for 24-hour nationwide stir

Mysuru, Aug. 16 (RK&VNS)- The Indian Medical Association (IMA), New Delhi, has called for a nationwide 24-hour doctors strike from 6 am tomorrow (Aug. 17) to 6 am on Aug. 18.

This protest is against the alleged rape and murder of a young woman post-graduate trainee doctor, in Chest Medicine at R.G. Kar Medical College and Hospital, Kolkata, that shook the nation and the "hooliganism unleashed on protesting students" on the eve of Independence Day.

The IMA, in a press release, however, stated that all essential services would be maintained and casualties manned. Routine Out Patient Departments (OPD) will not function and elective surgeries will not be conducted.

(See IMA on page 6)

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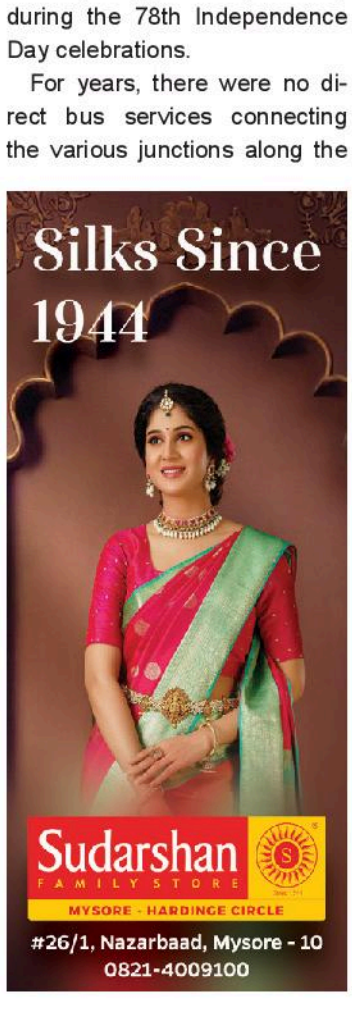

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Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Friday 16th August 2024

Competitions for school children on Aug. 24

Mysuru, Aug. 16- As part of *Krishnaotsavam,* Sri Chamarajendra School for Excellence, Mysuru, will be conducting various competitions for students on Aug. 24 at the school premises on Krishnaraja Boulevard.

Fancy dress competition will be held for Pre-KG, LKG and UKG students; Colouring competition for students of Grade 1 and Grade 2; Story-telling and Drawing competitions for students of Grade 3 and Grade 4 and Bhagavad Gita chanting and Written Quiz competition for students of Grade 5, Grade 6 and Grade 7. Last date of registration is Aug. 17. For details, those interested may contact Mob: 82173-85098 or 87224-63305 or Ph: 0821-4250854.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

NO ONE EVER LOSES IN THE OLYMPICS: ***For a long time now, the Olympic movement has been a big part of my life. First as an athlete and now as someone using the power of sports to give back to communities and to the environment.***

The ceremony at the 142nd IOC session last Saturday forced me to reflect on my journey as an athlete. I can admit it was not easy, as an athlete's life never is. But it also underscores the lifelong commitment every Olympian makes to their sport and country, and I claim this award on behalf of every athlete that has persevered, sacrificed and still prevailed...

The Olympic stage teaches you many things, but above all, you learn what it truly means to be human. All athletes make tremendous sacrifices to climb up that ladder and reach the pinnacle, in service of their country, and with a chance to create history. To me, the Olympic experience is not only life-changing, but also life-affirming.

I had my fair share of lessons during my time as an Olympic Gold medallist back in the day. But winning the Gold medal was just one part. Through the lens of Olympism, I have come to realise that the real victory lies in the journey, the values we uphold and the positive impact we can have on society. My experiences taught me the cause of Olympism and instilled values in me to strive towards a more inclusive society. As a society, we need to imbibe the Olympic spirit in our daily lives and promote the ideals, values and vision for acceptance, human rights and non-discrimination...

Having been presented with the Olympic Order, I often wonder if any of it would have been possible if I had not first traversed the hard road and spilled all the blood, sweat and tears, much like each athlete who makes their way to the Olympics.

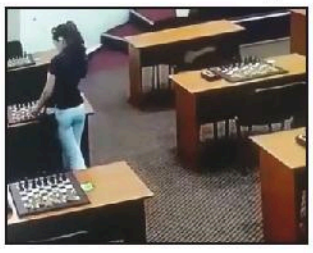
Perhaps, this is why, we, as a nation, and as sports lovers, must not only reserve our cheers, claps, support and love for the Olympic medal winners. We must never forget anyone who decides to compete in the first place, because they are the ones who will eventually make it to the Olympics.

How can we ever produce Olympians if we don't as a country encourage our children to play, to lose, to win and stick it out even when the odds seem stacked against you. For only when you are forged by the values of sports, the rigours of losses and victory can one emerge as an Olympian. And then when they do, it is critical that we remember that the spirit of the Olympics goes beyond medals and accolades; it's about the shared human experience and the legacy we leave behind.

And that is why I truly believe that at the Olympics, every athlete who represents the Indian flag here is a hero and at the Olympics, no one truly ever loses. *—Abhinav Bindra, a 2008 Olympic Gold-medal winning shooter, in The Hindu*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Player tries to poison rival with mercury



Makhachkala: A Russian chess player is facing a lifetime ban from official competitions after allegedly trying to poison an opponent by spreading mercury compounds on her chess board.

Amina Abakarova, a 40-year-old chess player from the Russian Republic of Dagestan, is accused of trying to poison another female player during a chess tournament in Makhachkala. CCTV footage shows the 40-year-old woman spreading mercury on the chess board and pieces that would later be used by another player, Umayganat Osmanova. Her actions would have probably gone unnoticed had Umayganat Osmanova not begun to experience symptoms like nausea and dizziness just 30 minutes later. Umayganat ended up requiring medical assistance and is still recovering from the poisoning attempt.

Criminal found working as Police officer

Mexico City: Antonio "El Diablo" Riano, a fugitive wanted by US authorities for almost two decades in connection to a fatal shooting in Cincinnati, was recently found working as a police officer in Mexico.

In December of 2004, four days before Christmas, Antonion Riano was caught on CCTV camera pulling out a gun and then shooting the other man in the face, killing him. "El Diablo" (Spanish for 'The Devil') then went on the run despite a nationwide manhunt. Riano went to visit his sister in New Jersey before disappearing again, this time for almost 20 years. Recently one detective found El Diablo through social media.

US investigators contacted Mexican authorities and they confirmed that Riano was working as a Police officer. Mexico agreed to turn Riano over to US marshals after arresting him and he was then flown to Ohio to be booked with murder.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Other causes of male infertility are varicocele in testes, smoking, history of radiation and chemotherapy, body building supplements and steroids and obesity.

By Dr. Dinesh Kumar T P - Consultant – Urology and Andrology
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LIFE'S ON

**** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature***

Admission to ICMAI Course

Mysuru, Aug. 16- The Institute of Cost Accountants of India (commonly referred to as ICMAI), Mysuru Chapter, has started admission to Foundation, Intermediate and Final Course of CMA for (December 2024 batch) June - 2025 term examination.

Eligibility for admission to Foundation Course is: Pass in II PUC; for Intermediate Course: Pass in Foundation or any Degree and for Final Course: Pass in Intermediate course of CMA.

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VOICE OF THE READER

Speed limit on Outer Ring Road: A retrogressive step

It appears to prioritise revenue generation

Sir,

This refers to the news item ***'Speed Limit Set on Outer Ring Road'*** (*Star of Mysore* dated Aug. 11). This decision represents a significant step backward for the current Government and its taxpayers.

The concept of a Ring Road was designed to alleviate traffic congestion on main roads and facilitate the smooth movement of vehicles in and out of the city. The majority of the Ring Road in Mysuru is in excellent condition, and with modern vehicle technology, even a gentle acceleration can easily propel vehicles beyond 60 kmph.

Before finalising this restrictive speed limit of 60 kmph for four-wheelers, the Government should reconsider their decision. A more reasonable approach would be to set the maximum speed limits as follows: 80 kmph for four-wheelers, 60 kmph for buses and two-wheelers, 50 kmph for lorries, trucks, light commercial vehicles, and autos, and 30 kmph for tractors.

Imposing lower speed limits across the board, coupled with the implementation of Integrated Traffic Management Systems (ITMS), seems to be an attempt by the financially strained Government to boost revenue through fines.

This approach appears to prioritise revenue generation over effective traffic management, motorist safety and public convenience, potentially to fund various guarantee schemes and programmes by the State Government.

—K. Chandrahas

Mysuru
12.8.2024

COVID warrior Karkala Srinivas Tantri passes away

Mysuru, Aug. 16- Karkala Srinivas Tantri, an octogenarian and proprietor of Mangala Ravi Enterprises at Yadavagiri Industrial Area, suppliers of oxygen to almost all hospitals in city, passed away following a cardiac arrest on Aug. 13 in city.

Srinivas Tantri

He is survived by his wife Indumathi, daughter Sandhya, son-in-law Radhakrishna, son Sreepathi, daughter-in-law Aparna, grandchildren, staff and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at the foot of Chamundi Hill on Aug. 14, according to family sources.

Karkala Srinivas Tantri was featured in the *Black and White* column by *Star of Mysore* Managing Editor Vikram Muthanna, under the headline ***'COVID Warrior in Plain Sight'*** on Sept. 19, 2020.

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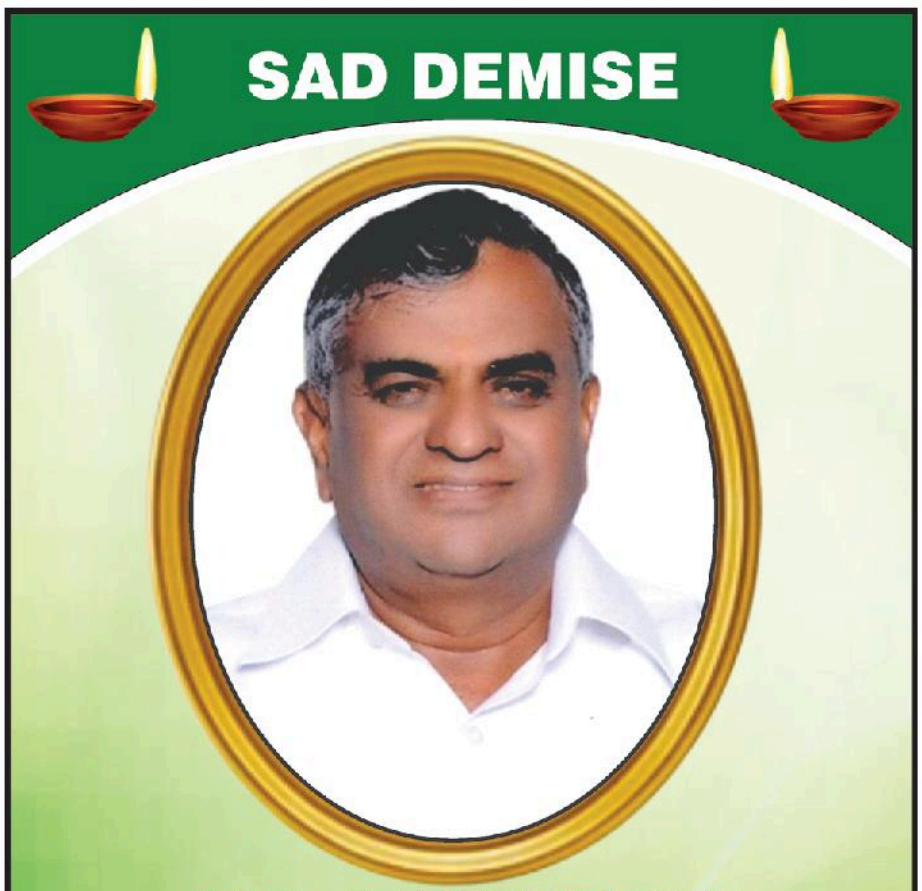
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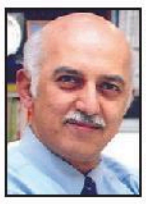


CSIR-CFTRI's Akashavani series on Food Science (in Kannada language) titled "CFTRI Shodha Anushodha" is a very popular AIR programme from Mysore Akashavani. **Dr. V. Prakash**, former Director, CFTRI & Distinguished Scientist, CSIR, will be delivering a talk in the 57th episode of "CFTRI Shodha Anushodha" series on Aug. 17 (Saturday) at 6.35 am and repeat at 6.10 pm under FM 100.6 frequency of All India Radio, Mysuru.

Obituary

Mangera Sunil Subbaiah

Mysuru, Aug. 16 - Mangera Sunil Subbaiah (43), son of late Nanaiah and Shashikala couple and a resident of T.K. Layout, passed away yesterday in city.

He leaves behind his brother Roshan Thimmaiah, sister-in-law Radhika, two nieces and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were held at Chirashanthidhama in Gokulam this afternoon.

K.P. Chaluvegowda

K.P. Chaluvegowda (80), of Shree Lakshmidevi Medicals and a resident of K.G. Koppal, passed away following a heart attack yesterday night in city. He leaves behind two sons and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites will be held tomorrow (Aug. 17) at 10 am in Basavanahalli village, near Gaddige in Hunsur taluk.

Prof. Syed Abdul Jabbar

Prof. Syed Abdul Jabbar (91), retired Professor, Department of Geology, BDT College of Engineering at Davanagere and a resident of Bannimantap 'A' Layout, passed away on Aug. 14 in city.

He leaves behind one son, one daughter and a host of relatives and friends. Namaz-e-Janaza was held yesterday after Namaz-e-Zohar (1.30 pm) at Masjid-e-Noor in Bannimantap, followed by the burial at the Muslim Burial Grounds near Tipu Circle.

Live the Spirit of Patriotism

District Minister at 78th I-Day celebrations

Mysuru, Aug. 16 (BLU&BS)- Social Welfare and District Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa has said, patriotism should not be restricted to Independence Day celebrations, but should be deeply ingrained in our blood, living the spirit of patriotism everyday and every moment.

He was addressing the gathering after inaugurating the 78th Independence Day celebrations by hoisting the National Flag, organised by the District Administration, at the Torchlight Parade Grounds in Bannimantap here on Thursday.

Extending I-Day wishes to the gathering, Minister Dr. Mahadevappa paid his verbal tributes on behalf of the people of the State, to all those freedom fighters, who with their sacrifice freed the country from the throes of slavery. "As we humbly recall and respect the sacrifices made by the leaders and soldiers, who fought for the freedom of the country, we should not forget that those gentle souls shed their sweat and blood for the good of the next generation to breath the air of freedom, free from suppression and colonial rule," he said.

Freedom fighters of repute

Remembering leading freedom fighters like Mahatma Gandhi, Jawaharlal Nehru, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, Gopalakrishna Gokhale, Lokmanya Tilak, Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose, Moulana Abul Kalam Azad, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar among several others, Dr. Mahadevappa also gave a call to respect soldiers guarding the borders and the martyrs, who have made enormous sacrifices to ensure that we countrymen feel safe and relieved.

Sending out a message to have egalitarian mindset beyond the shackles of language, religion and culture, Dr. Mahadevappa asserted, "Our's is a Karnataka Development Model, which embodies development model with the principles of Sarvodaya, aimed at reforming the life of every citizen of the country.

Guarantee Schemes

Referring to the five Guarantee Schemes of the Government, Dr. Mahadevappa said, under Anna Bhagya Yojane, 5 kg rice is provided to every BPL and Antyodaya card holders in the State, along with Rs. 150 in the place of remaining 5 kg of rice, that is directly credited to the Bank account of every beneficiaries under Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT). In Mysuru district alone, 6,6,818 families are benefited with Rs. 408.16 crore paid so far under the scheme.

Similarly, under Shakti Scheme that was implemented in June 2023,a total of 10.20 crore women travellers have utilised the benefit of free travelling in KSRTC buses in the district so far, with an average of 3.5 lakh daily women passengers.

Under Gruha Lakshmi Yojane, a total of 6,66,264 women beneficiaries are receiving monthly financial assistance of Rs. 2,000, while under Yuva Nidhi scheme a total of 4,279 beneficiaries against 6,450 applications registered in the district are provided the monthly financial assistance of Rs. 1,500 for unemployed diploma holders and Rs. 3,000 for unemployed graduates.

GI products of Mysuru

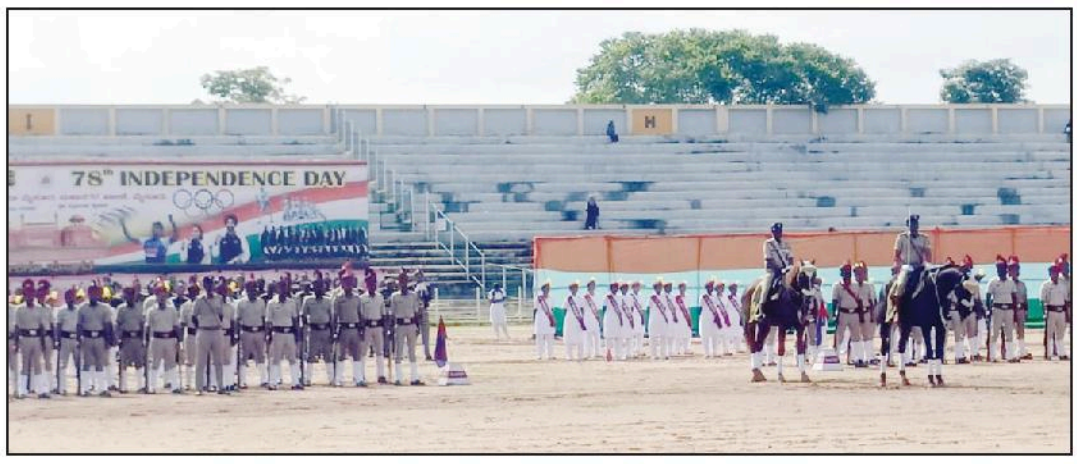
Most importantly, as announced in 2023-24 budget, measures are taken to encourage the cultivation of Geographical Indicator (GI) products like Mysuru Mallige, Nanjangud Rasabale and Mysuru Veelyedele, along with market facilities and their conservation, said Dr. Mahadevappa.

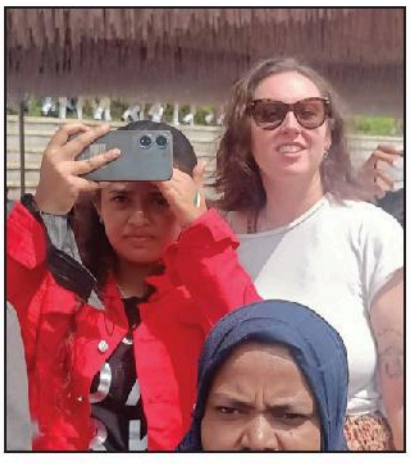
Parade troupes

Earlier, Dr. Mahadevappa inspected the parade comprising men and women Police, Mounted Police, Fire and Emergency Services Department, Home Guards, Excise Department, National Cadet Corps (NCC), National Service Scheme (NSS), specially abled children and school and college students. It was followed by a march past by parade troupes, from whom the District Minister received the guard of honour.

MLA Tanveer Sait presided. Deputy Commissioner (DC) G. Lakshmikanth Reddy, City Police Commissioner Seema Latkar, Superintendent of Police (SP) N. Vishnuvardhan, DIGP (Southern Range) Dr. B. Boralingaiah, Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) Dr. P. Shivaraju, Chairman of Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) K. Marigowda and others were present.

Visible foreigners, missing locals





While the 78th Independence Day celebrations had all the ingredients, suffice to spread the flavour of patriotism, what was lacking was the number of audience. There were about 1,000 audience, a measly number compared to the seating capacity of 32,000 at the ground, which aptly reflected the spirit of I-day on wane.

Despite a circular issued to Government employees to attend the event, they blatantly skipped like as always, to spend time with their family members, encashing the series of holidays connected with I-Day, followed by holiday for Varamahalakshmi, second Saturday and Sunday, which is a general holiday. Even the locals stayed away from the celebration.

However, a group of foreign tourists from Germany savoured the spirit of I-Day fervour and captured the moments of cultural programmes on their cell phone camera.

Maj. Gen. (Retd.) S.G. Vombatkere hoists flag at BVB, Mysuru

The 78th Independence Day was celebrated at Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan (BVB) School, Mysuru yesterday. Maj. Gen. (Retd.) S.G. Vombatkere, who hoisted the National Flag is seen with** (from left) **BVB Hon. Treasurer Dr. A.T Bhashyam, Hon. Secretary P.S. Ganapathy, Chairman Dr. K.B. Ganapathy and Principal S. Lekha Nair.

Chairman lauds functioning of CESC staff

Mysuru, Aug. 16 (DM)- MLA Rameshbabu Bandisiddegowda, who is also the Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation (CESC) Limited Chairman, has lauded the works of CESC staff in prevention of power T&D (Transmission and Distribution) losses and timely repair of electrical installations even under adverse conditions amid heavy monsoon rains.

He was speaking at the 78th Independence Day celebrations organised at the CESC Corporate Office in Vijayanagar 2nd Stage here yesterday.

Complimenting the work of CESC staff for ensuring quality and regular power supplies by braving odds during heavy rains, Rameshbabu said that a huge number of electrical poles, other installations and trees had got uprooted in Madikeri and Sakleshpur regions during the recent rains which caused havoc. The CESC, responding to the problems promptly, deployed its force in full strength and restored power supplies within a short time, much to the relief of the people.

On the occasion, the CESC Chairman distributed appreciation certificates and gifts to over 500 CESC Engineers and personnel who worked hard for providing quality power by changing the snapped transmission lines, prevention of T&D losses, rectification of technical problems and linking of IP set RR numbers with Aadhaar numbers of farmers.

Earlier, CESC Managing Director Sheela hoisted the National Flag. CESC Technical Director Munigopal Raju and other officials were present.

Flexing sporting spirit with Olympic medal winners pics

Mysuru, Aug. 16 (BLU&BS)- The 78th Independence Day celebrations organised by the District Administration, along with Mysuru City Corporation (MCC), also paid a perfect honour to Indian sportspersons, who romped home with six medals in the recently concluded Paris Olympics-2024.

A flex board in the backdrop, was proudly adorned with the pictures of Indian Hockey team which won Bronze, along with Individual medallists like;— Neeraj Chopra (Silver in Javelin), shooters Manu Bhaker, Sarabjot Singh and Swapnil Kusale and wrestler Aman Sehrawat, who all ended up winning Bronze medal each.

Automen, vendors display tri-colour

The I-Day spirit echoed in city, with various associations and organisations, celebrated 78th Independence Day in their own way. The autorickshaw drivers were prominent among them, as they had organised I-Day celebrations at the auto stands in front of JSS Hospital old entrance on Ramanuja Road and other localities in city.

They had decorated the either side of the road with a huge tricolour. Similarly, the roadside vendors on Sayyaji Rao Road, had also adorned the either side of the footpath of the Raja Marga with tricolour, besides playing patriotic songs.

On the other hand, the people were busy shopping for Varamahalakshmi festival, also becoming a part of I-Day celebrations.

Tri-colour was hoisted at Govt. Offices keeping with the protocol.

'At least one member of a family should join Armed Forces'

Mysuru, Aug. 16 (DM)- Ex-serviceman Anthony George observed that at least one member of family should join the Armed Forces for serving the nation.

He was speaking at the Independence Day celebration organised under the aegis of Union Ministry of Information and Broadcasting at St. Anne's Girls High School in N.R. Mohalla here yesterday.

Pointing out that Army does not mean only soldiers, Anthony George said that the Armed forces of the country provides ample opportunities in various capacities for young and qualified youths to occupy top positions in different wings. With the availability of ample opportunities, the youths should come forward to join the Armed Forces, he added.

Field Publicity Officer S.T. Shruthi, who delivered the keynote address, said that the Centre was promoting various programmes that enhance patriotism among the citizens.

Bharat Seva Dal's Resource Person Sheshachala too spoke and highlighted the significance of the National Flag.

Anthony George, who retired after serving the Army for 22 years, was felicitated on the occasion.

The winners of fancy dress contest with the theme '*Ek Bharat Shrestha Bharat,*' drawing and speech contests, held as part of I-Day, were distributed prizes.

Arunodaya folk troupe and school students presented a variety of cultural programmes.

Field Publicity Assistant Darshan, St. Anne's School Principal Sister Lilly Peter, Manager Sr. Annette, faculty Sr. Helena Joseph, Sr. Mariott and other teachers were present.

City bus service begins

District Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa flagging off the KSRTC's Outer Ring Road city bus service yesterday as MLA Tanveer Sait, Karnataka Exhibition Authority Chairman Ayub Khan, MUDA Chairman K. Marigowda, City Police Commissioner Seema Latkar, Zilla Panchayat CEO K.M. Gayathri, KSRTC Divisional Controller H.T. Veeresh and others look on.

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The buses were launched by Mysuru District In-Charge Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa, with former Minister and MLA Tanveer Sait, Karnataka Exhibition Authority Chairman Ayub Khan, Deputy Commissioner G. Lakshmikanth Reddy, City Police Commissioner Seema Latkar, Zilla Panchayat CEO K.M. Gayathri and KSRTC Divisional Controller (Mysuru Urban Division) H.T. Veeresh in attendance.

Initially, services will operate on four routes, providing much-needed connectivity across the ORR, which spans 42.5 kms. KSRTC is planning to increase the Ring Road bus fleet depending on response.

Four routes

The buses in all four routes are operated from the CBS and 14 buses have been allocated. They will travel in clockwise and anti-clockwise directions.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore* this morning, Veeresh said that each bus will take one-and-a-half hours to cover the route. "The routes have been designed to cover clockwise and anti-clockwise directions to reduce the waiting time of passengers. The routes will connect the Central Business District (CBD) to ORR and ORR to the CBD," he explained. The routes will cover important commercial areas like Irwin Road and K.R. Circle, and hospitals like the K.R. Hospital, District Hospital, KRS Road, Government Ayurveda College, Narayana Hrudayalaya, Manipal Hospital and Bharath Cancer Hospital. The buses will follow the concept of circular routes, Veeresh added.

The KSRTC has urged commuters to use the newly launched services, which were introduced for their convenience, connecting the key stretches of the ORR.

Outer Ring Road KSRTC Bus Service

Four routes — buses will travel in clockwise and anticlockwise directions:

FIRST ROUTE: City Bus Stand (CBS), Nanjumalige, Parasayyanahundi, Dattagalli, Bogadi, Hinkal, Kalamandira, Metropole Circle (Field Marshal K.M. Cariappa Circle) and back to CBS.

SECOND ROUTE: CBS, Metropole Circle, Kalamandira, Hinkal, Bharat Cancer Hospital, Manipal Hospital, LIC Circle, Highway Circle (Moulana Abul Kalam Azad Circle) and back to CBS.

THIRD ROUTE: CBS, Highway Circle, LIC Circle, Manipal Hospital, Narayana Hrudayalaya, Sathagalli Bus Stand, Deve Gowda Circle, Nazarbad and back to CBS.

FOURTH ROUTE: CBS, Nanjumalige, Parasayyanahundi, Najangud Outer Ring Road junction, Uttanahalli, T. Narasipur junction, Deve Gowda Circle, Nazarbad and back to CBS.

IMA calls for 24-hour nationwide stir

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"The withdrawal is across all the sectors wherever modern medicine doctors are providing service. IMA requires the sympathy of the nation with the just cause of its doctors," it added.

Following the strike call, IMA, Mysuru Branch has also extended its complete support.

IMA, Mysuru Branch supports strike

Speaking to *Star of Mysore*, IMA Mysuru President Dr. M.S. Jayanth said except for emergency services and emergency OTs all other services including the OPDs will be stopped between 6 am on Aug. 17 and 6 am on Aug. 18.

The district authorities have been preparing themselves to handle the situation as services are likely to be hit in KR Hospital, Cheluvamba Hospital, Taluk Hospitals, Community Health Centres and Primary Health Centres. More than 1,100 doctors in Mysuru and about five lakh doctors, who are the members of IMA are expected to take part in the 24 hour nationwide stir.

Meanwhile, the stir called by Post Graduate students of Mysore Medical College and Research Institute (MMC and RI) entered day-4 with about 50 doctors protesting continuing their stir by wearing black bands around their arms. The PG students have demanding for reduction in fees, increase in stipends, security at workplace and also against the alleged rape and murder of woman PG student in Kolkata.

MAHAN extends support

Meanwhile, the Mysore Association of Hospitals Nursing Homes and Diagnostic Centres (MAHAN) has also extended its support to nationwide stir called by Indian Medical Association tomorrow.

In a press release, MAHAN President Dr. K. Javeed Nayeem said that all medical establishments coming under its banner, will be supporting and joining the one-day nationwide protest that has been announced by the central council of IMA.

Dr. Javeed Nayeem said that MAHAN regrets any inconvenience caused to the public.

Stray dog

attacks nine persons, residents in fear

Former Corporator S.B.M. Manju submitting the memorandum to senior MCC Health Officer Dr. N.P. Venkatesh at the latter's Office here yesterday as others look on.

Mysuru, Aug. 16 (RK&KS)- At least nine people were chased and bitten by a stray dog yesterday between Vontikoppal Circle and Mathrumandali Circle, turning a peaceful holiday into a day of terror.

Independence Day, which was expected to be a calm and peaceful holiday, quickly turned chaotic when a stray dog began attacking pedestrians. Between 1 pm and 2 pm, the dog chased and bit nine people along the stretch from Vontikoppal Circle to Mathrumandali Circle, leaving them injured.

Those who tried to intervene were also targeted before the dog vanished from sight.

The injured were swiftly taken to a nearby private hospital, where they received outpatient treatment. Concerned residents alerted former Corporators S.B.M. Manju and Bhagya Mahadesh, who immediately contacted Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) Health Officer Dr. H.N. Harsha, urging prompt action to capture the stray dog.

MCC staff quickly arrived at the scene with nets and other equipment, but despite an hour-long search, the dog had disappeared without a trace, leaving the public in fear.

Manju took further action by submitting a memorandum to senior MCC Health Officer Dr. N.P. Venkatesh, demanding urgent measures to tackle the growing stray dog menace. He emphasised that the problem had escalated across the city, particularly in MCC Ward No. 6, posing a serious threat to residents.

Manju also highlighted the rising cases of dengue fever, calling for immediate fogging and spraying of medicines to control the mosquito population. He urged Health Officers to intensify efforts to locate and capture the stray dog and relocate it to a rehabilitation centre.

Hoteliers, MCCI push for 1 am deadline

Mysuru, Aug. 16 (BCT)- The Mysuru Hotel Owners' Association has called for swift implementation of the Government's directive to extend operating hours for hotels and commercial businesses in the city until 1 am.

The Association met Deputy Commissioner G. Lakshmikanth Reddy, urging that the extension, outlined in Section 269 of the 2024-25 State Budget speech, be enforced without delay. The extended hours are already in effect in Bengaluru, they said.

The Association also met City Police Commissioner Seema Latkar and SP N. Vishnuvardhana, placing a similar demand.

The Association has reasoned that the extension of the deadline from the existing 10.30 pm to 1 am is expected to be a big boost to city's nightlife and industry insiders expect that this will translate to an increase in their business by at least 10 percent.

Given Mysuru's status as a prominent tourism district, the Association emphasised that longer operating hours would significantly benefit tourists, residents and those visiting hospitals.

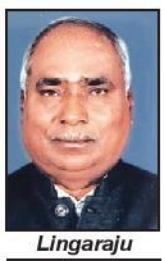
President of Mysuru Hotel Owners Association C. Narayanagowda greeting Deputy Commissioner G. Lakshmikanth Reddy after submitting a memorandum as others look on.

Association President C. Narayanagowda, Secretary A.R. Ravindra Bhat, Vice-President of State Hotel and Restaurant Owners Association Ravi Shastri, Executive Committee member Shivakumar, Hotel Owners' Charitable Trust Secretary Subramanya Tantri and former CREDAI President Murali met the officers.

Similar demand from MCCI

The Mysore Chamber of Commerce and Industry (MCCI) has also urged the DC to extend operating hours for business establishments in the city until 1 am.

MCCI President K.B. Lingaraju said that this extension is particularly crucial as the city prepares for the upcoming Dasara festival, a peak time for tourism and commerce. He pointed out that extended business hours would not only boost tourism but also generate employment and stimulate economic activity.



Lingaraju

The MCCI even highlighted the challenges faced by night workers and late-arriving tourists in finding food. Extending the closure deadline to 1 am would address this issue, ensuring that both workers and visitors have access to food during late hours.

ISRO launches EOS-08 and Passenger satellites

Sriharikota, (Andhra Pradesh), Aug 16 (Agencies) - In yet another successful mission, the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) launched the latest Earth Observation Satellite EOS-8 and a Passenger satellite using the Small Satellite Launch Vehicle (SSLV) from the Spaceport of Sriharikota this morning.

After a short and smooth 6.5 hour countdown, SSLV-D3, the third and final developmental flight carrying the 175.5 kg EOS-08 and SR-0 DEMOSAT took off from the First Launch Pad as scheduled from the SHAR Range.

ISRO said EOS-08 marks a significant advancement as it carries a host of new technology developments in satellite mainframe systems like an Integrated Avionics system, known as the Communication, Baseband, Storage and Positioning (CBSP) Package, which combines multiple functions into a single, efficient unit.

ISRO Chairman S. Somanath, addressing the scientists from the Mission Control Centre, said the satellites were precisely injected into the orbit and also lauded the entire SSLV unit for the success of the mission.

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This is to inform the general public that our client proposes to purchase of the immovable property (more fully described in the Schedule given below and hereinafter referred as the "Schedule Property"), with its owner namely, Mr. Ramakrishna Vasudeva Bhat, son of Late. H. Ramakrishna Bhat, residing at No. 822, Ramya Kaivalya Marga, Siddarthanagar, Mysuru, Karnataka- 570011. All persons having or claiming any right, title, estate or interest by waiver, inheritance, share, sale, mortgage, transfer, lease, tenancy, lien, charge, trust, maintenance, easement, gift, devise bequest, exchange, pre-emption, possession or encumbrance or otherwise howsoever into or upon the Schedule Property described herein below are called upon to intimate the same in writing to the undersigned at the below given address along with all the documents relating to such claim within 07 days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which, any such claim of any party shall be deemed to have been waived for all legal practical purposes and shall not be entertained after such period and our client will proceed with the proposed purchase of the Scheduled Property on the basis that there are no claims whatsoever with respect thereto..

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ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL of the immovable Property bearing Survey No. 5/1 (old No.5), measuring an extent of 01 Acre 20 Guntas, situated at Shyadanahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Mysuru Taluk, Mysuru District and bounded as follows:
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Bhandage's blitzkrieg powers Mysore Warriors to victory

Bengaluru, Aug. 16- Mysore Warriors began their KSCA Maharaja Trophy T20 campaign with a seven-run victory over Shivamogga Lions on the opening day at M. Chinnaswamy Stadium, here yesterday.

Having put into bat first, Mysore Warriors, riding on Manoj Bhandage's (42 not out) firework, put up a fighting score of 159/8 in 20 overs. Meanwhile, bowlers Hardik Raj (2/32), D. Avinash (2/44) and T. Pradeep (2/46) were the pick for Shivamogga Lions.

Tasked with a reduced target of 88 runs under the VJD method, Shivamogga Lions fell short despite Abhinav Manohar's blistering half century (52 not out).

Shivamogga Lions lost Nihal Ullal (0) as early as the second ball of the innings, in the same over Abhinav Manohar crafted three boundaries to switch the momentum back towards Shivamogga. Impact player, Rohit Kumar (12) also carved a six and a four in quick succession to bring Shivamogga to 29/1 by the end of the three-over powerplay.

Gangadhar, Marketing Executive (Karnataka) of Cycle Pure Agarbathi presenting the Super-6s trophy to Manoj Bhandage who also won the Man of the Match award at M. Chinnaswamy Stadium in Bengaluru yesterday.

The seasoned J. Suchith dismissed Rohit Kumar and Shivraj (0) in quick succession, but Manohar continued to surge forward, finding regular boundaries with ease. At the seven-over mark, Shivamogga needed 29 runs in 12 balls. Manohar struck two consecutive boundaries to bring up his half century in just 26 balls that included 8 boundaries and two sixes. While D. Avinash began the final over with a six, the Shivamogga Lions couldn't muster the 17 runs needed, finishing at 80/5 in their allotted nine overs.

In the first innings, the Mysore Warriors struggled from the outset, with S.U. Karthik (18) and C.A. Karthik (3) falling early. Skipper Karun Nair (18) tried to inject some momentum with consecutive boundaries in the third over, but the team could only muster 40 runs by the end of the power play.

The innings faltered further when Samit Dravid (7) dismissed by Hardik Raj and Karun Nair was sent packing by D. Avinash. Sumit Kumar (14) attempted to settle in but was run out by Dhruv Prabhakar while the same over saw Harshil Dhamani's (1) departure, leaving Mysore in deep trouble at 71/6 after 12 overs.

The experienced duo of K. Gowtham (21) and J. Suchith tried to stabilize the innings, adding 24 runs in an important partnership.

However, Suchith (11) was caught by Hardik Raj after he was hit for a six and D. Avinash claimed his third wicket dismissing K. Gowtham in the following over.

Manoj Bhandage then provided a much-needed impetus to the Warriors' innings, smashing 42 runs off just 16 balls, including four sixes. His explosive knock, including 17 runs off the final over, propelled Mysore to 159/8.

Notably, the final five overs saw Shivamogga Lions concede 72 runs.

Brief Scores

Mysore Warriors 159/8 in 20 overs (Manoj Bhandage 46 not out, K. Gowtham 21 runs, Hardik Raj 2/32, D. Avinash 2/44, T. Pradeep 2/46) beat **Shivamogga Lions** 80/5 in 9 overs (Abhinav Manohar 52 not out, J. Suchith 2/15) (VJD Method).

TODAY'S MATCHES

- **MANGALURU DRAGONS** Vs **HUBLI TIGERS** 3 pm
- **MYSORE WARRIORS** Vs **BENGALURU BLASTERS** 7 pm

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Shaurya Binu wins PGTI Mysuru Open 2024

Mysuru-Kodagu MP Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar presenting the Mysuru Open 2024 Trophy to golfer Shaurya Binu, who won the Professional Golf Tour of India (PGTI) tournament held at Jayachamaraja Wadiyar Golf Club (JWGC) in city recently. Also seen are (from left) Indian Golf Union former President Raian F. Irani, JWGC Captain M.S. Yeshwanth, Mysore Race Club (MRC) Chairman K.M. Chandregowda, JWGC President Dr. Abraham Thomas and PGTI CEO M. Uttam Singh.

State-level Weightlifting Championship

Mysuru, Aug. 16 (GA&VNS)- Mysuru District Weightlifters Association, Physical Education Teachers Academy Trust and SBRR Mahajana FGC, Department of Physical Education under the aegis of Karnataka State Weightlifters Association will be jointly organising a two-day State Level Weightlifting Championship at SBRR Mahajana College Auditorium in Jayalakshmipuram from tomorrow (Aug. 17).

Addressing the press persons at the Pathrakarthara Bhavan District Weightlifters Association President Dr.C.Krishna said Commonwealth Games Gold Medallist Pushpa Raj Hegde and State Weightlifters Association President Dr. P. Dayananda Pai will inaugurate the championship at 10 am tomorrow and the valedictory would be held on Aug. 18 at 4 pm.

Indian Weightlifting Federation Secretary General S.H. Anande Gowd a, Karnataka Weightlifters Association Working President Shyamala Shetty, Journalist Amshi Prasanna Kumar, District Weightlifters Association Hon. President Dr. K. Sowmya Erappa and Mahajana Education Society CEO Dr. S.R. Ramesh will be the guests of honour. SBRR Mahajana FGC Principal Dr. B.R. Jayakumari and MPower Talk Founder Kishore Rachaiah will be the special invitees.

Industrialist P. Suresh Alva and Ball Badminton Federation of India Secretary General Dinesh will distribute the trophies to winners during the valedictory ceremony.

More than 350 weightlifters from various districts will be taking part in the championships.

MDAA to conduct selection trials on Aug. 18

Mysuru, Aug. 16 (VNS)- **Mysore District Athletic Association (MDAA)** will be conducting Mysore District Track and Field Selection Trials 2024 for boys and girls under the age groups of U-14, U-16 and U-18 and U-20 on Aug. 18 (Sunday) at Chamundi Vihar Stadium in city. The athletes securing first and second place with best timings/distance and height in both categories will be selected for the Mysore District Athletic Team to participate in the upcoming Karnataka State Junior Inter District Athletics Championship 2024 to be held in Mysuru.

The selections will be held for: U-14 Boys and Girls – Triathlon: 1. 60 mts, long jump, high jump; 2. 60 mts, long jump, shot put; 3. 60 mts, long jump and 600 mts.

U-16 Boys and Girls: 60 mts, 80mts hurdles, 600 mts, high jump, long jump, shot put, javelin throw and pentathlon.

U-18 Boys and Girls: 100 mts, 200 mts, 400 mts, 1000 mts, long jump, high jump, 110 mts hurdles, shot put, discus throw, javelin throw, 5000 mts RW, heptathlon.

U-20 Men and Women: 100 mts, 200 mts, 400 mts, 800 mts, 1,500 mts, 5,000 mts, 110 mts hurdles, 400 mts hurdles, high jump, long jump, shot put, discus throw, javelin throw, 10,000 mts RW and decathlon.

Registration will be open from tomorrow (Aug. 17). Interested can contact Manju on Mob: 84959 05616 between 11 am and 5 pm.

Swimming competition on Aug. 18

Mysuru, Aug. 16 (VNS) - Mysore District Swimming Association will be organising State Level Non Medallist Swimming Competition at University of Mysore Swimming Pool at Saraswathipuram on Aug. 18.

The competition will be inaugurated MLA K. Harishgowda at 10 am. Association President Arjun Ranga will preside. University of Mysore Syndicate Member Dr. C. Basavaraju, Department of Physical Education Director Dr. C. Venkatesh will be the chief guests. More than 300 swimmers from various clubs and schools across the State will be taking part in competitions to be held for age categories between U-6 and U-14. For details, contact Mob: 95911-57357.

13 days on, MUDA Office still idle; salaries continue

Mysuru, Aug. 16 (RK&BCT)- Despite the State Government authorising the Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) office to resume operations after a suspension due to an investigation into illegal site allocations, the office has remained inactive for over 13 days.

On Aug. 3, K. Latha, Under Secretary of the Urban Development Department, issued a directive allowing the MUDA office to restart its daily functions, including revenue collection, building design approvals, map approvals and handling court-related documents.

Previously, on July 1, the Government had ordered a suspension of all meetings, document signings, decisions and site allocations until the completion of investigation into MUDA's site allocation irregularities and a was report submitted. Despite the recent authorisation, MUDA officials have not resumed operations, leaving the public frustrated and stranded.

The (MUDA) office employs around 200 staff members, including key roles such as the Chairman, a Personal Assistant, the Commissioner, two Personal Assistants, a Legal Officer and various supplementary staff.

The team also includes a Superintending Engineer, a Secretary, the Chief Accountant, two Executive Engineers, a City Planner, a Special Land Acquisition Officer and their respective Personal Assistants.

Additionally, the office has 13 Assistant Executive Engineers, 20 Assistant Engineers (AEs) and Junior Engineers (JEs), three City Planning Assistant Directors, three Special Tahsildars, five Office Inspectors, 11 Office Managers, 10 First Division Assistants, 20 Second Division Assistants, 40 Class-IV employees and Group 'D' staff, 45 outsourced workers and 30 drivers.

The office operates a fleet of 30 vehicles. Monthly expenses, including salaries, fuel, office maintenance, stationery, electricity, internet, telephone bills, and pensions are estimated to be between Rs. 5 crore to Rs. 6 crore.

However, for the past one-and- a-half months, officials and staff have only been marking their attendance and then remaining idle. Taxpayers are growing increasingly concerned as the office remains inactive despite consuming substantial resources and continuing to draw significant salaries.

MUDA Commr. issues notice to PA

Seeks info on 500 Security Bond Sheets he obtained after the previous Commissioner was transferred

Mysuru, Aug. 16 (RK&BCT)- Following *Star of Mysore's* Aug. 14 report, *"Now, Security Bond Sheet Scam in MUDA' and 'PA secures 500 Bond Sheets after Commissioner's transfer,"* the current Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) Commissioner A.N. Raghunandan has issued a notice to the Personal Assistant (PA) demanding details about the Security Bond Sheets.

The report uncovered the misuse of site allotment letters, also known as High-Security Bond Sheets. Over the past four years, MUDA issued 4,839 site allotment letters, each a barcoded and numbered High-Security Bond Sheet with tamper-proof features, serving as the official site sanction document.

Between Apr. 6, 2021 and July 3, 2024 the MUDA Commissioner acquired these 4,839 High-Security Bond Sheets through his PA for official use.

However, only 1,200 allotment letters have been accounted for by the Government from 2021 to 2024 leaving the fate of the remaining 3,639 letters in question.

Adding to the concerns, the Commissioner's PA Prashanth obtained over 500 Security Bond Sheets (numbered 14342 to 14842 under invoice number 899) on July 3 from the Record Room, right after the previous Commissioner G.T. Dinesh Kumar was transferred.

In his notice, Commissioner Raghunandan has directed Prashanth to provide detailed information regarding the 500 Security Bond Sheets he obtained, including the recipients of the allotments, their identities, and the specifics of the sites mentioned in the allotment letters. The PA has been asked to respond by this evening.

Special Court reserves order on cases against CM Siddaramaiah

Siddaramaiah

Bengaluru, Aug. 16 (Agencies)- The Special Court for cases involving MPs and MLAs recently heard two private complaints against Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, his wife B.M. Parvathi and others in connection with the MUDA site allotment scam.

The Court is currently examining the admissibility of the complaints filed by activists Snehamayi Krishna and T.J. Abraham. Special Court Judge Santhosh Gajanana Bhat scheduled Snehamayi Krishna's case for Aug. 20 and Abraham's petition for Aug. 21.

Both complaints focus on the alleged illegal allotment of 14 compensatory sites to Parvathi in prime locations of Mysuru city. The complaints claim that despite Parvathi having no legal title to 3.16 acre of land in Kesare village, Mysuru taluk, compensatory sites were wrongfully allocated to her in developed posh city layouts. The Court noted that questions regarding prior sanction under Sections 17A and 19 of the Prevention of Corruption Act need to be addressed.

Snehamayi Krishna's counsel argued that the Court should consider the offences under the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS).

Abraham contended that his complaint is factually distinct from Krishna's. He pointed out that there was no village named Kesare in 2004 or 2005 when the Tahsildar conducted an inspection.

Abraham also alleged that Siddaramaiah had failed to disclose his wife's land holdings in the 2013 election affidavit.

The Court adjourned further hearings as Abraham requested additional time to present his arguments regarding the pending prosecution sanction from the Governor.

PM Modi releases two cardamom varieties developed in Kodagu

Indian Institute of Spices Research Regional Station at Appangala develops IISR Kaveri, IISR Manushree

Prime Minister Narendra Modi interacting with farmers at the Indian Council of Agricultural Research at Krishi Bhavan in New Delhi last Sunday where he released 109 new crop varieties.

New Delhi, Aug. 16 (Agencies)- In a major boost to climate-resilient agriculture, two innovative cardamom varieties developed by the Indian Institute of Spices Research (IISR) in Appangala, Madikeri, were among 109 new crop varieties launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in Delhi last Sunday.

These varieties, IISR Manushree and IISR Kaveri, represent significant progress in India's efforts to combat the impacts of climate change on farming.

The IISR's regional station in Appangala, under the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), has been instrumental in preserving and utilising cardamom genetic resources. The new varieties, developed through clonal selection, are particularly noteworthy for their drought tolerance, an essential trait in the face of increasingly erratic weather patterns.

IISR Manushree

IISR Manushree, one of the new varieties, is designed to withstand moisture stress, producing an impressive average yield of 550 kg of capsules per hectare under irrigated conditions and 360 kg per hectare in moisture-stressed environments. It also features a high essential oil content, reaching 8.84% under stress. This variety is recommended for cardamom-growing regions in Karnataka and Kerala.

IISR Kaveri

The second variety, IISR Kaveri, is a compact flowering cardamom plant that yields 482 kg of dry capsules per hectare under irrigation and 308 kg per hectare under moisture stress. It boasts an even higher essential oil content than Manushree, making it highly suitable for cultivation in Karnataka.

These developments were led by S.J. Anke Gowda, Principal Scientist and Head of ICAR-IISR, RS, Appangala, alongside his dedicated team. The varieties recently received regulatory approval from the Central Sub-Committee on Crop Standards, Notification and Release of Varieties for Horticultural Crops.

These new cardamom varieties mark a significant step forward in adapting agriculture to the challenges of climate change, offering farmers more resilient and productive options in drought-prone regions.

Arun Yogiraj denied US visa

Arun Yogiraj

Mysuru, Aug. 16 (Agencies)- Renowned Mysuru sculptor Arun Yogiraj, who carved the Balak Ram idol installed at the newly built Ram Temple in Ayodhya in January this year, was denied a visa by United States (US) authorities.

Yogiraj confirmed that his visa application was rejected on Aug. 10. He had been invited as the chief guest for the Association of Kannada Kootas of America (AKKA) World Conference 2024, scheduled to begin on Aug. 30. His trip to the US was planned for 20 days.

"I was given an appointment at the US Consulate in New Delhi, where I submitted all the required documents. I am confident that I provided everything they asked for, but I do not know why my visa was denied," he said.

Speaking to reporters, Yogiraj said, "They asked general questions and suggested that I didn't meet their requirements. I never imagined it would be so difficult to obtain a US visa. My children were excited about the trip, and I had to console them after their disappointment."

He added, "I won't be applying for the visa again this year. I'll consider it next year."

'Amrithadhare' vocal music at BVB tomorrow

Ramesh Chandra *Rashmi* *Raghunatha* *Nagalingu* *Gurudath Hunsur*

Mysuru, Aug. 16- As part of 133rd Cultural Outreach and monthly music programme, Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan (BVB), Mysuru - Bengaluru, in association with Infosys Foundation have organised "Amrithadhare" vocal music programme by Ramesh Chandra and Rashmi Chikkamagalure at BVB premises in Vijayanagar 1st Stage, on Aug.17 at 6 pm.

They will be accompanied by Raghunatha on tabla, Nagalingu on keyboard and Gurudath Hunsur on rhythm pad.

Profile

Ramesh Chandra is an Indian playback singer who works predominantly in the Kannada film industry. He is the recipient of Karnataka State Film Award for Best Male Playback Singer twice.

Ramesh Chandra was born as K. Ramesh in Mangalore and raised in Kasargod. He grew up listening to K.J. Yesudas songs on radio. He went to Kalmady Sadashiva Achar for music classes, the only known Karnatak musician in Kasargod at the time. Ramesh married to Chandra Jyothi. They have a son.

Ramesh's passion for music brought him to Bangalore and he landed up in Sadhana school of music as a worker under the principalship of G.V. Atri. Ramesh started performing in stage shows and became a track singer for Dr. Rajkumar, S.P. Balasubrahmanyam and K.J. Yesudas. One of his track songs "O Mallige Ninnondige" for composer V. Manohar got retained in the 1995 film Anuraga Sangama and became his first film song. He received his first State award for the same song as well.

Some of his hit songs including "Malagu Malagu Charulathe" (O Mallige), "Karyeshu Dasi" (Mangalyam Tantunanena), "Hoovantha Henne" (Premachari), "Brahma Murari" (Sri Manjunatha).

He has may awards to his credit including Karnataka Kalashree Award by Karnataka Sangeetha Nrithya Academy.

Music concerts on Aug. 17 & 18 at Vasudevacharya Bhavana

Vikram Ramh *Shubha*

Mysuru, Aug. 16- Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha has organised two musical programmes this weekend — a vocal concert by Vikram Ramh and a veena concert by Shubha Santosh — at Vasudevacharya Bhavana on JLB Road in city.

Aug.17 (Saturday), 6 pm: V. Raman Memorial Concert, sponsored by Sudha Raman & Aroon Raman, will be a vocal concert by Vid. Vikram P. Ramh. He will be accompanied by Vid. B.K. Raghu on violin, Vid. H.L. Shivashankara Swamy on mridanga and Vid. V.S. Ramesh on morching.

Profile

Since the age of three, Vikram has been training in Karnatak vocals under the guidance of his father and guru S.P. Ramh, a reputed veena and vocal artiste and a senior disciple of Lalgudi Jayaraman. He is currently pursuing BA Sanskrit at Vivekananda College and hopes to pursue music full-time.

Aug. 18 (Sunday), 6 pm: Dr. K.V. Manohar Memorial Concert, sponsored by Dr. Uma and Dr. K.V. Ravishankar, will be a veena concert by Vidu. Shubha Santosh supported by Vid. G.S. Ramanujan on mridanga and Vid.Sharath Kaushik on ghata.

Profile

Shubha Santhosh, a veena artiste, Music Composer and Director, stands as one of the most distinguished veena artistes. Her journey began under the tutelage of late Vid. H. Srinivasa Murthy Achar and she was fortunate to receive extensive training from Gurus Vidu. Sudha Vadiraj and mridanga Vidwan H.S. Sudhindra.

A multifaceted artiste, Shubha has composed, directed and lent her voice to numerous music albums. She had the honour of being called to perform during Rama Lalla Pratishtapana on Jan. 22, 2024, in Ayodhya.

Kalasuruchi to present two shows of English play *Stifled (Untitled-1)*

Mysuru, Aug. 16- Kalasuruchi, Mysuru, will present two shows of the English Play *Stifled (Untitled-1)* on Aug.17 and 18 at 6.30 pm at two different venues in the city. This play is written by Annie Zaidi and directed by Nima Manjrekar. On Saturday (Aug.17), the play will be staged at Suruchi Rangamane in Kuvempunagar and on Sunday (Aug. 18) at Kalpakshetra in Vijayanagar 4th Stage.

About the play, writer, director and the team

Stifled (Untitled-1): Our thinking is greatly influenced by the ideas and interpretations of writers. Many a time the impact of writers is so great that they become people be feared, and they are therefore often put under surveillance and their artistic freedom curbed.

Annie Zaidi, the author of this play, says "…writers have been silenced… Yet, anyone who has read history, must be aware that these stories and fears are not new. Power does what it has always done and storytellers do what they must do".

In the play, Vishwas, the writer is driven to constantly be wary of being monitored. He and his wife, Dina, have very few gadgets in their home, not even a television, and this makes them even more suspect. Satyajit, a schoolmate of Vishwas, and now Communications Investigator in charge of "keeping an eye" on Vishwas, uses seemingly casual but typically persuasive methods to extract information from Vishwas and Dina.

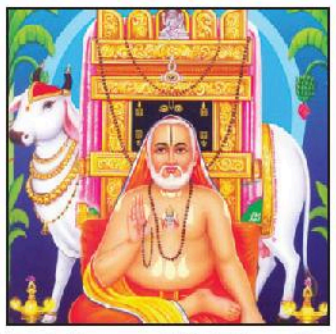
Annie Zaidi writes in English and has worked in many genres. Her essays, poems and short stories have appeared in many anthologies. Her novel *Prelude To A Riot,* won the Tata Literature Live award in 2020. *Untitled-1* won the Hindu Playwright Award in 2018.

Nima Manjrekar has a Ph.D in Wildlife Science, and is a theatre enthusiast who has acted in both Kannada and English plays with various theatre groups in Mysuru. She was also a part of children's theatre group founded by Rameswari Varma.

Kalasuruchi, a cultural team in Mysuru, active since 1985, has been active in many genres of fine arts. While theatre has been its core focus, the team has also been active in performing and organising other art forms like classical music, light music, Harikathe, etc.

For the last few years, the team has been producing one English play per year.

Sri Raghavendraswamy Aradhana from Aug. 20



Mysuru, Aug. 16- Sri Raghavendraswamy Seva Samiti, Jayalakshmipuram, is organising the 353rd Aradhana Mahotsava of Sri Raghavendra Gurusarvabhowma from Aug. 20 to 22. The following programmes will be held during the Aradhana Mahotsava:

Everyday, Suprabhata at 5.30 am, Maha Panchamruta Abhisheka from 7 am to 7.45 am, Kanakabhisheka, Sarvaseva and others from 8 am to 10 am, Mahamangalarati at 12 noon, Prasada distribution from 12.30 pm to 2 pm.

At 7 pm, Swastivaachana, Shreya Prarthane and Mahamangalarati will be held.

Cultural programmes

On Aug. 20 from 6.30 pm to 9 pm, vocal performance by Vidwan Sameeracharya accompanied by Vid. Ganesh Bhat (keyboard), Vid. Atmaram (tabla) and Vid. Vinay Rangadhol on rhythm pad.

On Aug.21 from 6.30 pm to 9 pm, Bhajans by Sri Satyadhyana Bhajana Mandali, vocal by Vid. S. Shankar accompanied by Vidushi Pruthvi Bhaskar on violin, Vid. H.L. Shivashankaraswamy on mridanga and Vid. Sharat Koushik on ghata.

On Aug. 22, Talavadya by H.L. Shivashankaraswamy and troupe from 6.30 pm to 9 pm.

On Aug. 22, at 10 am, Maharathotsava of Sri Guru Rayaru will be held on the main streets of Jayalakshmipuram, says a press release from Sri Guru Raghavendraswamy Seva Samiti.

Sri Sagarakatte Raghavendra Mutt

The 3-day 353rd Aradhana Mahotsava of Sri Raghavendraswamy will be held at Sri Sagarakatte Raghavendra Mutt located on 12th Cross, V.V. Mohalla from Aug. 20 to 22. *Padapuje* will be held at 7 am, followed by Panchamrutha at 9 am, Alankara at 12.30 pm on all the three days. Also, there will be music programmes from 7 pm to 8.30 pm daily.

Vidwan N.R. Prashanth will present a music programme at 7 pm on Aug. 20, Vidushi Archana Rao will present a Karnatak classical music concert on Aug. 21 and Vidwan R.K. Padmanabha will present a Veena concert on Aug. 22.

Rathotsava will take place at 10.30 am on Aug. 22.

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NOW SHOWING - SINGLE SCREEN THEATRES

- **Prabha Theatre** — **Mob: 98454-14691**
  Double iSmart (K) - 4 Shows
- **Mahadeshwara Theatre** — **Mob: 99008-20093**
  Krishnam Pranaya Sakhi (K) - 4 Shows
- **Lido Theatre** — **Ph: 2420885**
  Gowri (K) 4 Shows
- **Balaji Theatre** — **Mob: 9886325207**
  Vedaa (H) - 4 Shows
- **Gayathri Theatre** — **Ph: 2443568**
  Bheema (K) - 4 Shows
- **Sangam Theatre** — **Ph: 2520494**
  Bheema (K) - 4 Shows
- **Thibbadevi Theatre** — **Ph: 2452958**
  Stree 2: Sarkate Ka Aatank (H) - 4 Shows
- **Padma Theatre** — **Ph: 2521923**
  Double iSmart (Te) - 4 Shows
- **Rajkamal Theatre** — **Ph: 2423554**
  Thangalaan (Ta) - 4 Shows
- **Woodlands Theatre** — **Ph: 2422871**
  Raayan (Ta) - 4 Shows

DRC CINEMAS — Ph: 4240422, 4241800

Deadpool & Wolverine (E-3D)	(S-1)	10.55 am, 1.35 pm, 4.20 pm
Krishnam Pranaya Sakhi (K)	(S-1)	7 pm
Bheema (K)	(S-1)	10.10 pm
	(S-2)	12.55 pm, 4.05 pm
	(S-4)	10 am, 1 pm, 4 pm
		7 pm, 10 pm
Mr. Bachchan (Te)	(S-2)	7 pm, 10 pm
It Ends With Us (E)	(S-3)	10.30 am, 1.20 pm, 4.10 pm, 7 pm
Stree 2 (H)	(S-3)	9.55 pm

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Stree 2: Sarkate Ka Aatank (H)	(S-1)	8.05 am (S-2) 10 am
	(S-3)	6.55 pm (S-4) 1 pm
Bheema (K)	(S-1)	10.30 am
	(S-2)	12.50 pm, 3.45 pm, 6.50 pm
Double iSmart (Te)	(S-1)	1.25 pm
	(S-4)	9.40 pm
Gowri (K)	(S-1)	4.25 pm
Nunakkuzhi (Ma)	(S-1)	7 pm
Raghu Thatha (Ta)	(S-1)	9.30 pm
Krishnam Pranaya Sakhi (K)	(S-2)	9.45 pm
	(S-3)	10 am, 1 pm
	(S-4)	3.50 pm
Vedaa (H)	(S-3)	6.55 pm, 9.45 pm
Thangalaan (Ta)	(S-4)	10.05 am, 6.45 pm

PVR CINEMAS — 4K Dolby 7.1

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Mr. Bachchan - The Only Hope (Te)	:	12.10 pm
Vedaa (H)	:	12.15 pm, 6.20 pm
Gowri (K)	:	12.30 pm, 6.35 pm
Bheema (K)	:	12.35 pm, 7.10 pm, 10 pm
Thangalaan (Ta)	:	12.45 pm, 6.45 pm
Stree 2: Sarkate Ka Aatank (H)	:	1 pm, 4.10 pm, 6.50 pm, 7.20 pm, 10.30 pm
Khel Khel Mein (H)	:	3.25 pm, 9.30 pm
Double iSmart (Te)	:	3.30 pm
Double iSmart (H)	:	10.10 pm
It Ends with Us (E)	:	3.40 pm
Krishnam Pranaya Sakhi (K)	:	3.45 pm, 10. 20 pm
Nunakkuzhi (Ma)	:	4 pm
Demonte Colony 2 - Vengeance Of The Unholy (Ta)	:	9.45 pm

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Gowri (K)	:	12.15 pm, 10.20 pm
Stree 2: Sarkate Ka Aatank (H)	:	12.15 pm, 3.25 pm, 6.35 pm, 9.45 pm
Krishnam Pranaya Sakhi (K)	:	12.30 pm, 7.05 pm
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Thangalaan (Ta)	:	6.45 pm
Khel Khel Mein (H)	:	7.25 pm

EVENTS TODAY (AUG. 16)

- **Sri Avadhoota Datta Peetham and Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Ashram:** 21st Chaturmasya Vrata Deeksha by junior pontiff Sri Datta Vijayananda Teertha Swamiji, Srichakra Puja, Maha Ganapathy Homa, Kumkumarchana, **9 am;** discourse on Sri Brahmanda Purana, Universal Prayer Hall, Ashram premises, Nanjangud Road, **6.30 pm.**
- **Simon Exhibitors:** 'Karnataka Sambhrama-50' Mega Consumer Expo marking golden jubilee of renaming Mysore State as Karnataka, Dasara Exhibition Grounds, **4 pm to 9.30 pm.**
- **Basava Bharata Pratishtana:** Lecture on 'Basavannanavara Vachanagalalli Bhakti Marga' by Chikkamagaluru's Sri Basavayogi Prabhuswami, Manikyapura, Yelwal, **5 pm.**
- **Suttur Mutt, Mysuru:** Shravana Masa Pujanushtana and Discourse Series, special puja, morning; Mass prayer, **6 pm;** Dr. B.V. Vasanthkumar, delivers discourse on 'Shivatatva Chintamani,' written by Lakkanna Dandesha; Vaachana by Vidushi Vasantha Venkatesh, Suttur Mutt, foot of Chamundi Hill, **6.30 pm to 7.30 pm.**
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EVENTS TOMORROW (AUG. 17)

- **Mysuru Art Gallery:** Exhibition and release of two books of Gallery Secretary Dr. Jamunarani Mirle, R.G. Singh of Ramsons Kala Pratishtana will inaugurate function, 'Sudharma' Sanskrit Daily Hon. Editor Dr. H.V. Nagaraja Rao will release the book 'Sadhyasiddhi' and Mysore University Visiting Professor Dr. C. Naganna will release the book 'Jeevanayana,' Mysore Art Gallery Founder-President L. Shivalingappa will preside, Writer and Editor B.R. Nagaratna will be present, Suchitra Art Gallery, Kalamandira, Hunsur Road, **10.30 am.**
- **Srushti Publications:** Release of book *'Prachina Parliamentgala Pradakshinegalu'* authored by MLC A.H. Vishwanath, MP Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar will release the book, UoM VC Prof. N.K. Loknath chief guest, theatre person Rajappa Dalavayi will speak on the book, Noted writer and critic Dr. Narahalli Balasubramanya will be present, Rani Bahadur Auditorium, Manasagangothri, **11 am.**
- **Simon Exhibitors:** 'Karnataka Sambhrama-50' Mega Consumer Expo, Dasara Exhibition Grounds, **4 pm to 9.30 pm.**
- **Mysuru Book Clubs-2015:** Talk by Dr. Ali Khwaja, Chairman and Founder, Banjara Academy, Bengaluru, interactive session, Book Clubs Founder-Chairperson Shubha Sanjay Urs will be present, Unbound Escape Room, No. 2784, 9th Cross, Kalidasa Road, **4.30 pm.**
- **Basava Bharata Pratishtana:** Lecture on 'Karnataka Samskruthika Nayaka Basavanna' by Sri Shivabudhi, Sri Gurumalleshwara Pattada Mutt, Hallare, **5 pm.**
- **Sharana Sahitya Parishat, Mysuru City Unit and Kadali Mahila Vedike, Mysuru:** 'Vachana-Shravana: Mane Manege Shravana Masada Sharana Sandesha,' lecture by Dr. K.E. Govindegowda (Professor, Maharani's College), residence of M. Siddamallappa, No. 264, Nisraga Nilaya, Tyaga Marga, Siddartha Layout, **5.30 pm.**
- **Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha:** Vocal concert by Vid. Vikram P. Ramh, Vid. B.K. Raghu on violin, Vid. H.L. Shivashankara Swamy on mridanga and Vid. V.S. Ramesh on morching, Vasudevacharya Bhavana, JLB Road, **6 pm.**
- **Sri Ramakrishna Ashram:** Swami Muktidanandaji speaks on 'Essentials of Spiritual Life' in English, Swami Shambhavanandaji auditorium, Ashram premises, Yadavagiri, **6 pm.**
- **Ganabharathi and Raasavrunda School of Dance:** Nartana Namana — Release of book 'Nartanada Madhura Bhaktiya Margadalli Geetagovinda' in memory of Dr. K. Rama Shastry, authored by Vidu. Nandini Eswer, release by Vidwan Viraraghavacharya Swami, Founder-Chairman of Sri Vishvamangala Lakshmi Narasimhaswamy Kshetram, Belagola, renowned dance guru Dr. Kripa Phadke guest of honour, dance performance by artistes of Raasavrunda—Chinmayee Bharadwaj, M.S. Nityashree, Rohitha Eswer, M.A. Anisha, L. Kundanika, M. Keerthana and G. Pratiksha, Veene Seshanna Bhavana, Kuvempunagar, **6 pm.**
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- **Mysore Storytellers' Network, the Books & Brews Library and Reeva Shiksha:** Children's author Roopa Pai to chair interaction — 'The Whole Story: From Storytelling to Libraries', Phoenix International Academy, Mysuru, **5 pm.**
- **Kalasuruchi:** Staging of English play *Stifled* (Untitled-1), scripted by Annie Zaidi, Directed by Nima Manjrekar, Suruchi Rangamane, Kuvempunagar, **6.30 pm.**
- **Infosys Foundation, Bengaluru, Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan, Mysuru-Bengaluru:** 133rd Cultural Outreach and monthly music programme, *Amrithadhare*, vocal recital by Rameshchandra and Rashmi Chikmagaluru, Raghunatha on tabla, Nagalingu on keyboard and Gurudath Hunsur on rythm pad, BVB premises, Vijayanagar 1st Stage, **6 pm.**
- **Kalasuruchi:** 'Kathe KelonaBanni-841,' story-telling by Shravani Girish, B.Com student, Srirangapatna, Suruchi Rangamane, Chitrabhanu Road, Kuvempunagar, **4.30 pm.**
- **Suttur Mutt, Mysuru:** Shravana Masa Pujanushtana and Discourse Series, special puja, morning; Mass prayer, **6 pm;** Dr. B.V. Vasanthkumar, delivers discourse on 'Shivatatva Chintamani,' written by Lakkanna Dandesha; Vaachana by Vidushi Vasantha Venkatesh, Suttur Mutt, foot of Chamundi Hill, **6.30 pm to 7.30 pm.**

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Thangalaan (Ta)	:	7.05 pm

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Double iSmart (Te)	:	4.10 pm, 10. 20 pm

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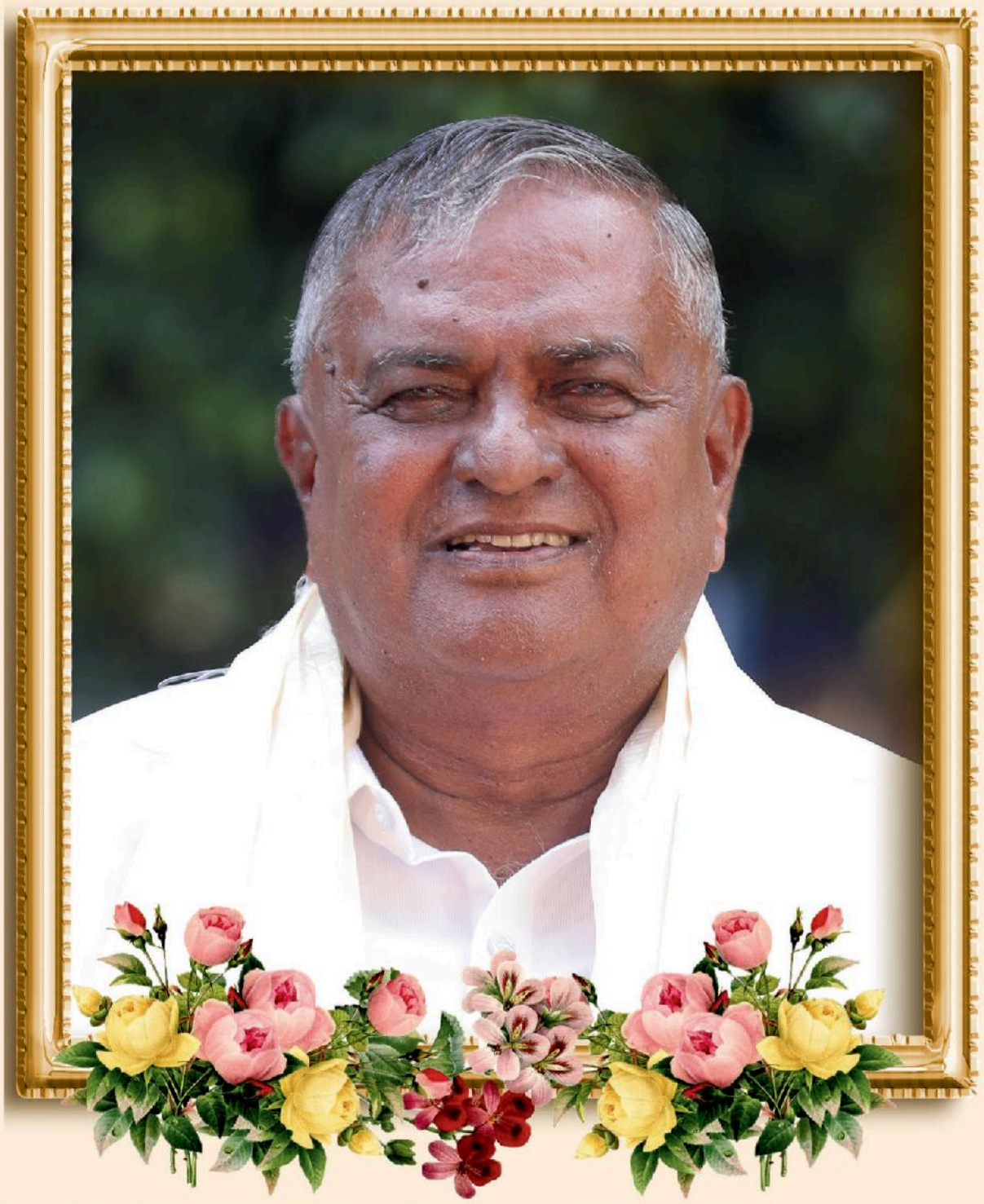
SAD DEMISE

Gates of memories will never close
How much we'll miss you no one knows
And we'll think about those memories in silent tears



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